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WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES May 24, 2010

PRESENT: Thomas S. Clow, Chairman; Richard Butt, Vice Chairman; Donna Osborne, Selectmen; Keith Lacasse, Selectman; James Donison; Selectman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Thomas S. Clow

GUEST: Carl Knapp

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MANIFEST

Chairman Clow moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign checks dated May 27, 2010 in the following amounts:

Accounts Payable	\$ 637,302.58	(Weare School District \$350,000) (John Stark \$250,000)
Gross Payroll	\$ 39,689.57	(Includes Special Details, Taxes, Credit Union)
Total	\$ 676,992.15	

Selectman Lacasse seconded the motion. Passed 5-0

DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Board members asked Public Works Director, Carl Knapp, a number of questions concerning the operation of his department. Concerning plow routes, Mr. Knapp said that in his 19 years working for the Town, there has been no contracting out of plow routes. He said that the state hires private contractors to do some routes in order to give their own drivers a break. The state pays about \$70.00 per hour and provides cutting edges to the private contractors. He said the Weare Highway Department has twelve employees and all of them plow. This is the same number as in the year 2000. They plow about 130 miles of roads with each route being about 12 miles.

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When asked about road reconstruction, Mr. Knapp said that he had gotten a quote from a private contractor to rebuild Hodgdon Road. The cost would have been \$875,000, which is for approximately 7,000 linear feet of roadway. He said that having his department do the work will cost the Town \$485,600.00, and this includes all employee wages and benefits. He said that the Highway Department budget has gone up about 8.4% per year over the last ten years largely because of material and fuel costs. He was asked if there was a master plan for road reconstruction and resurfacing, and replied that it is something he is working on. He explained that some of the more lightly traveled roads can be resurfaced without being totally rebuilt.

Selectman Donison asked about the replacement of the bridge on Peaslee Road. Mr. Knapp said that it would not occur until next spring. A detour off the road to the Transfer Station would be provided for residents during the bridge construction.

The Board questioned Mr. Knapp about the need to fill the vacancy in his department. Since there is no need for plow drivers in the summer, does he need the same number of employees? He explained that in the summer scheduling was even tighter because there was so much vacation time that needed to be covered. Everyone takes their vacations during the summer months. Since the recommended candidate has worked for the Town before, the Board agreed to go ahead with the hiring and meet with the employee at a later date.

Selectman Butt moved to hire David Enos as a truck driver for \$13.00 per hour effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lacasse. There was discussion of what portion of the employee's time would actually be devoted to the Transfer Station and how that would be shown on the manifest. Motion passed 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Selectman Lacasse questioned whether the Board should hold a public hearing before accepting the replacement signs from the State. Participation in the program was approved at the last Board meeting. He said he compared it to accepting private gifts or donations, which require a public hearing. Following a discussion, the Board agreed to let the prior decision stand.

NONPUBLIC

Selectman Clow moved, seconded by Selectman Lacasse, to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II a&c at 8:15 p.m. Selectman Butt – yes, Selectman Osborne – yes, Selectman Clow- yes, Selectman Donison – yes, Selectman Lacasse – yes.

Selectman Clow moved, seconded by Selectman Donison, to come out of nonpublic session at 8:25 p.m. Selectman Butt – yes, Selectman Osborne – yes, Selectman Clow – yes, selectman Donison – yes, Selectman Lacasse – yes.

Selectman Donison moved to seal and restrict, seconded by Selectman Lacasse. Passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas S. Clow
Recording Secretary